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E X D I S

1. PALACE HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY  
AND MRS. KISSINGER'S FEB 14-15 VISIT TO AQABA.

2. SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, FEB 14:

1545 - ARRIVE AQABA AIRPORT. AMBASSADOR AND CHIEF OF ROYAL  
PROTOCOL WILL MEET IN AIRCRAFT AND SECORT DOWN TO  
PLANESIDE WHERE PRIME MINISTER ZAYD RIFAI AND CHIEF  
OF STAFF LT. GEN. ZAYD BIN SHAKER WILL GREET. PLAY-  
ING OF NATIONAL ANTHEMS AND REVIEW HONOR GUARD.  
SMALL RECEPTION LINE OF 4 OR 5 AQABA OFFICIALS. FACILITIES  
FOR PRESS STATEMENT ARE AVAILABLE AT AIRPORT TERMINAL  
IF DESIRED. PROCEED TO MOTORCADE. (CAR ASSIGNMENTS SEPTTEL).

1600 - DEPART AIRPORT

1610 - ARRIVE ROYAL RESIDENCE IN PALACE ENCLOSURE AND  
MEET KING HUSSEIN FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS.

1630 - FREE TIME - SECRETARY, OFFICIAL PARTY AND PRINCIPAL  
STAFF WILL BE IN USUAL LODGINGS IN PALACE ENCLOSURE.  
(DETAILS SEPTTEL).

1700 - US-JORDANIAN DISCUSSIONS BEGIN, IN LIVING ROOM OF  
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ROYAL RESIDENCE AS USUAL. JORDANIAN PARTICIPANTS

RESTRICTED TO: KING HUSSEIN, PRIME MINISTER RIFAI,  
COS LT. GEN. BIN SHAKER AND (PROBABLY) CROWN PRINCE  
HASSAN. WE ASSUME FOLLOWING US PARTICIPANTS:  
SECRETARY, UNDERSEC SISCO, AMBASSADOR PICKERING,  
ATHERTON, SAUNDERS, OAKLEY. (QUERY: SHOULD UNSEC  
ROBINSON ALSO ATTEND?)

1830 - TALKS END

1900 - IF CONVENIENT, WE REQUEST SECRETARY MEET FOR 10  
MINUTES WITH AMBASSADOR AND ABOUT 15 US MEMBERS  
EMBASSY STAFF ON RESIDENCE PATIO. (LAST SUCH MEETING WAS IN  
JANUARY 1974).

1910 - FREE TIME

2000 - DINNER (INCLUDING WIVES) AT ROYAL RESIDENCE.  
DRESS: DARK SUIT AND FEMALE EQUIVALENT. PALACE HAS  
NOT YET WORKED OUT GUEST LIST, BUT THEY BELIEVE  
DINNER WILL INCLUDE KING HUSSEIN, QUEEN ALIA, PM  
AND MRS. RIFAI, LT. GEN. BIN SHAKER AND POSSIBLY  
HIS WIFE AND CROWN PRINCE HASSAN. WHILE SPACE IS  
LIMITED, PALACE SAID MOST OF OFFICIAL PARTY WILL  
PROBABLY BE INVITED. WE ARE ASSUMING OFFICIAL PARTY IS AS  
FOLLOWS: SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER, ROBINSON,  
ATHERTON, SAUNDERS, ANDERSON, OAKLEY. UNLIKE  
PREVIOUS VISITS, ONLY LIMITED NUMBER OF WORKING STAFF  
WILL HAVE BUFFET AT ROYAL BOWLING ALLEY ON ROYAL  
ENCLOSURE; MOST US PERSONNEL (S/S, USSS, COMMO AND  
EMBASSY) WILL HAVE MEALS AT CORAL BEACH HOTEL  
(WALKING DISTANCE FROM PALACE).

2200 - 2230 - DINNER ENDS. DISCUSSION COULD RESUME  
AS DESIRED.

3. SATURDAY, FEB 15:

0700 - BREAKFAST AT ROYAL BOWLING ALLEY FOR DUTY STAFF  
AND THOSE STAYING AT ROYAL RESIDENCE.

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0745 - BREAKFAST AT ROYAL RESIDENCE. PROBABLY SAME  
PARTICIPANTS AS FOR PREVIOUS DINNER.

0830 - SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER BID GOODBYE TO KING  
HUSSEIN AND QUEEN ALIS. DEPART FOR AIRPORT.  
(MOTORCASE BY SEPTTEL).

0840 - ARRIVE AQABA AIRPORT. SECRETARY ACCOMPANIED BY PM

RIFAI AND MRS. KISSINGER BY MRS. RIFAI PROCEED TO AIRPORT TERMINAL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND DEPARTURE STATEMENT IF DESIRED. AS ON ARRIVAL, PLAYING OF NATIONAL ANTHEMS, REVIEW HONOR GUARD, PASS THROUGH RECEIVING LINE. PM RIFAI BBIDS GOODBYE AND AMBASSADOR AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ESCORT ABOARD PLANE.

0900 - SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT DEPARTS FOR RIYADH.

4. MRS. KISSINGER'S SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, FEB 14:

WE ASSUME 11100 ARRIVAL FROM CAIRO. PLEASE CONFIRM.

1100 - ARRIVE AQABA AIRPORT

MRS. KISSINGER WILL BE MET BY WIFE OF PRIME MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PICKERING. UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON WILL BE MET BY PALACE PROTOCOL OFFICIALS AND JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. NO ARRIVAL CEREMONIES.

1110 - PROCEED TO ROYAL RESIDENCE. MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS BY SEPTTEL.

1120 - ARRIVE AT ROYAL RESIDENCE. MEET QUEEN ALIA. UNDER-SECRETARY ROBINSON WILL THEN PROCEED TO ECONOMIC BRIEFING (DETAILS BY SEPTTEL).

5. PALACE PROPOSES THREE OPTIONS FOR MRS. KISSINGER'S CONSIDERATION:

A) OPTION ONE: RELAX AT AQABA. DEPENDING ON WEATHER, MRS. CONFIDENTIAL

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KISSING COULD SUN BATHE, WATER SKI AND TAKE BOAT EXCURSION. CASUAL LUNCH AT ROYAL RESIDENCE, PROBABLY WITH QUEEN ALIS, MRS. RIFAI, MRS. BIN SHAKER AND MRS. PICKERING.

B) OPTION TWO: VISIT TO WADI RUM, MAGNIFICENT SERIES OF

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RED SANDSTONE CANYONS BEST SEEN DURING LOWERING  
LIGHT OF SETTING SUN. IT WAS SETTING FOR SOME OF  
MOST SPECTACULAR SCENES IN MOVIE "LAWRENCE OF ARABIA".  
TOTAL EXCURSION WOULD TAKE ONLY 1-1/2 HOURS AND  
WOULD STILL PERMIT AQABA ACTIVITIES MENTIONED ABOVE.

1120 - RELAX AT AQABA

1330 (APPROX) - CASUAL LUNCH AT AQABA, AS MENTIONED ABOVE.

1500 - DEPART FOR WADI RUM BY HELICOPTER DIRECTLY FROM  
PALACE HELIPAD ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. RIFAI, MRS.  
PICKERING AND POSSIBLY QUEEN ALIA AND MRS. BIN SHAKER.  
(ALTHOUGH TIMING WOULD BE EXTREMELY TIGHT BECAUSE  
HELICOPTERS CANNOT FLY AFTER 1730 SUNSET, IT ALSO  
POSSIBLE SECRETARY KISSINGER COULD ACCOMPANY. THIS  
WOULD REQUIRE 1600 DEPARTURE FOR WADI RUM DIRECTLY  
FROM AIRPORT, FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S 1545 ARRIVAL.

1530 - ARRIVE WADI RUM. THERE IS NO SIGHTSEEING TOUR; ONLY  
STATIONARY VIEW OF DESERT PANORAMA AND POSSIBLE  
SHORT BEDOUIN CEREMONIAL TEA SERVICE AT  
DESERT POLICE OUTPOST.

1600 - DEPART WADI RUM BY HELICOPTER

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1630 - ARRIVE AQABA AND GREET SECRETARY KISSINGER AND APRTY

C) OPTION THREE: PETRA-WADI RUM

IF WEATHER PERMITS: PETRA CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO SNOW  
STORM BUT WILL PROBABLY BE OPEN BY FRIDAY.

1230 - CASUAL LUNCH AT ROYAL RESIDENCE AS ABOVE.

1330 - DEPART AQABA BY HELICOPTER; SAME PARTICIPANTS AS  
FOR WADI RUM EXCURSION

1415 - ARRIVE PETRA; MINISTRY OF TOURISM WILL CONDUCT  
1-1/2 HOUR TOUR OF ANCIENT NABATEAN CITY BY LANDROVER.  
TOUR INCLUDES DESCENT THROUGH SIIQ (NARROW CLEFT IN  
CLIFFS) ENTRANCE TO CITY; THE TREASURY, PRIME MINISTER'S  
TOMB; URN TOMB; THEATER AND ROMAN FORUM AND MUSEUM.

1545 - DEPART BY HELICOPTER FOR WADI RUM

1615 - ARRIVE WADI RUM; TOUR AS PER OPTION TWO.

1645 - DEPART WADI RUM

1715 - ARRIVE AQABA

6. WEATHER AND ATMOSPHERE:

ATMOSPHERE IN ROYAL PALACE IN AQABA IS THAT OF RELAXED  
SEASIDE RESORT. WEATHER IN FEBRUARY CAN VARY FROM COLD  
AND OVERCAST TO (USUALLY) WARM (70-75 DEGREES) IN DAYTIME  
AND COOLER AT NIGHT. (NOTE: TEMPERATURE RANGE FEBRUARY 10  
WAS 50-68 DEGREES.) THE VERY HARDY CAN SWIM. TERRAIN AT  
PETRA AND WADI RUM IS ROCKY AND ROUGH AND WEATHER CAN BE  
CHILLY. OUTDOOR SPORTS CLOTHES, PANTSUITS AND JACKET ARE  
ADVISED.

7. WE DO NOT EXPECT FIRMER SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE  
UNTIL AFTER RETURN OF KING HUSSEIN, QUEEN ALIA AND ROYAL  
PROTOCOL CHIEF FROM SWITZERLAND AFTERNOON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY  
13, WHEN THEY WILL PROBABLY PROCEED DIRECTLY TO  
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AQABA WHERE COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE LIMITED. SO, FOR PLANNING  
PURPOSES, ADDRESSEES SHOULD CONSIDER THIS AS FINAL SCHEDULE  
AND THAT WE WILL FILL IN REMAINING DETAILS AS THEY  
BECOME AVAILABLE.  
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